

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 18-20 have been amended to overcome the outstanding § 112 rejections, by more clearly describing how the frame number is controlled. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 18-20 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Kanai et al., and claims 16-17 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Kanai et al. and Ferguson. Applicants traverse the rejection of independent claims 1 and 18-20 because Kanai et al. do not disclose or suggest switching the number of frames in a display device that uses a field-sequential method in which the color image display is produced by switching the color of a backlight.

Kanai et al. disclose a display apparatus that performs color image display using a color filter, which is a different method from that of the present invention. In the present invention, color image display is performed by switching the color of a backlight. In any event, Kanai et al. do not disclose or suggest switching the number of frames to reduce color break, as in the present invention.

Contrary to the examiner's assertion that it would have been obvious in image displaying to switch the number of frames, it would not have been obvious to increase or decrease the number of frames in order to reduce color break, as the present inventors discovered. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 18-20 is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the rejected dependent claims is requested for the

same reason. Withdrawal of the rejection of the related dependent claims is also requested because it would not have been obvious to increase the frames at a high temperature by making the number of frames larger in the case of a moving picture than in the case of a still picture. Here also, the purpose of these steps is completely different from the purpose of the present invention, which is to reduce color break.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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